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LEGISLATIVE BILL 6
FINAL READING

Introduced by Speaker Bromm, 23; Raikes, 25;
at the request of the Governor

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 81-1634, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-1310,
3 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2001; to change provisions
4 relating to and provide for termination of the School
5 Technology Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the
6 original sections; and to declare an emergency.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-1310, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2001, is amended to read:

3 79-1310. The School Technology Fund is created. The
4 fund shall consist of the money transferred to the fund pursuant to
5 section 81-1634 and appropriations made by the Legislature which
6 are received as gifts or grants. For award applications received
7 on or after August 1, 2000, and on or before July 31, 2002, the
8 State Board of Education shall authorize disbursement of the fund
9 for reimbursement requests for completed projects received (1) on
10 or before the tenth day following enactment of this legislative
11 bill or (2) on or before the ninetieth day following receipt of the
12 award application by the State Department of Education. The board
13 shall not authorize any other disbursement of the fund. Such
14 disbursement shall be made as funds become available, and the
15 requirement that the State Board of Education authorize such
16 disbursement shall constitute an obligation of the fund. The State
17 ~~Board of Education shall authorize the disbursement of the fund as~~
18 ~~provided in this section.~~

19 The first priority for the disbursement of the School
20 Technology Fund is the direct connection of each kindergarten
21 through grade twelve public school district, affiliated school
22 system, or Class VI school system to a statewide public computer
23 information network. Subsequent priorities for disbursement may
24 include, but are not limited to, development of networking
25 capabilities within a district or system, the purchase or
26 installation of equipment, or other telecomputing needs as
27 determined by the State Board of Education. Funds shall be awarded
28 on the basis of need, ability to pay, and the number of buildings

1 in each district or system designated by the State Board of
2 Education as suitable for direct connection to a statewide public
3 computer information network. The State Board of Education shall
4 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the
5 provisions of this section. The State Board of Education shall
6 consult with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission in
7 carrying out this section. Any money in the School Technology Fund
8 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
9 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
10 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Within thirty days after all
11 obligations of the School Technology Fund have been disbursed, the
12 Commissioner of Education shall so certify to the State Treasurer
13 and the State Treasurer shall thereupon transfer any remaining
14 balance to the General Fund. The School Technology Fund shall
15 terminate upon such transfer.

16 Sec. 2. Section 81-1634, Reissue Revised Statutes of
17 Nebraska, is amended to read:

18 81-1634. Funds received in repayment for energy
19 efficiency loans from the School Weatherization Fund shall be
20 credited to the School Technology Fund until termination of the
21 School Technology Fund pursuant to section 79-1310. Upon
22 termination of the School Technology Fund, funds received in
23 repayment for energy efficiency loans from the School
24 Weatherization Fund shall be credited to the General Fund. For 7
25 ~~except that for~~ each fiscal year in which there are any outstanding
26 loans, the Legislature shall designate a portion of ~~such~~ the funds
27 received in repayment for energy efficiency loans for use by the
28 State Energy Office to cover the actual cost of administering

1 outstanding loans.

2 Sec. 3. Original section 81-1634, Reissue Revised
3 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-1310, Revised Statutes
4 Supplement, 2001, are repealed.

5 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
6 when passed and approved according to law.